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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDATE FOR UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REF: A. STATE 104348 B. STATE 105234

1. EMBOFF MADE APPROACH REQUESTED IN SUPPORT OF U.S. UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE GRANT MAY 13 TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ECONOMIC DEPT. DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR HRISTO DARENKOV, IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS, IN ABSENCE OF UN DEPT. DIRECTOR TODOROV. MFA COUNSELOR TOMOV WAS ALSO PRESENT. (COPY OF GRANT'S CURRICULUM VITAE HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY BEEN LEFT WITH MFA US DESK OFFICER.)

2. DARENKOV RESPONDED FIRST THAT AS MEMBER OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD, BULGARIA HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH PERFORMANCE OF PREVIOUS US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LABOUISE. HE THEN SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT BULGARIA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REPRESENTED AT MAY 17 - JUNE 3 ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN MANILA SINCE DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER SIBILA RADEVA, WHO NORMALLY WOULD ATTEND, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO DUE TO "SOME DIFFICULTIES" AT MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND TIME WAS TOO SHORT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO BE BRIEFED. (COMMENT: ONE OF FOUR DEPUTY MINISTERS OF HEALTH WAS RECENTLY SACKED. END COMMENT.)

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3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, TOMOV SAID HE WAS AWARE OF ONLY ONE OTHER CANDIDATE, A LATIN AMERICAN HE HAD HEARD MENTIONED IN JANUARY BUT WHOSE NAME AND COUNTRY HE HAD FORGOTTEN. DARENKOV CLOSED BY SAYING THAT, OF COURSE, HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO COMMIT BULGARIA AT THIS TIME, IN ADVANCE OF UNSYG WALDHEIM'S RECOMMENDATION, BUT HE WISHED TO STATE AGAIN BULGARIA'S SATISFACTION

WITH PREVIOUS US EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

4. COMMENT: DARENKOV'S COMMENTS OBVIOUSLY ARE NOT SOMETHING TO BANK ON, BUT HE NONETHELESS GAVE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT AS OF THIS TIME BULGARIA, IF REPRESENTED AT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OR OTHERWISE CONSULTED, WILL BE SYMPATHETIC TO GRANT'S CANDIDACY, FAILING ENTRY INTO THE FIELD OF "SOCIALIST" OR THIRD-WORLD CANDIDATE.
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